



## Editorial



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**Editor, Hawaii Medical Journal**

### MAHALO HAWAII MEDICAL LIBRARY

Many thanks are due Carolyn S.H. Ching MA, MLIS, and Marlene M.A. Cuenco MLS, for producing the 2004 Index to the Hawaii Medical Journal. As busy as these two Library Scientists are, they find the time to prepare the yearly Index to our Journal, sorted by Key Words and Authors.

These indices are found in the December issues and are extremely helpful. Look up a procedure or a case report. Follow regular columns: Dr. Russ Stodd's Weathervane; the Cancer Research Center Report; the Medical School.

Many changes are occurring within the Hawaii Medical Library, and more changes are planned, but it is hoped that Carolyn and Marlene will continue to produce the HMJ Annual Index.



## Letters to the Editor

### A letter regarding a case of eosinophilic meningitis

Dear Dr. Goldstein,

I recently cared for a patient who was admitted from the Big Island with meningeal signs and a history eating vegetables from his garden that may have been contaminated by slugs. Even more interesting, his female companion had similar symptoms. Having done research with *Angiostrongylus cantonensis* in medical school, I was suspicious of eosinophilic meningitis when his CSF cell differential revealed a significant eosinophilia. With the approval of the attending physician and the infectious disease consult, I sent blood and CSF for ELISA to detect *Angiostrongylus cantonensis* infection. The results came back positive for *Angiostrongylus* infection. In addition, I had his female companion bring samples of the slug to Honolulu which I sent for microscopic evaluation to identify larva. Of the four slugs submitted for evaluation, all four were positive for *Angiostrongylus*. I am currently waiting for more samples so that I can test the mucous for viable third-stage larva. Having a confirmed case of eosinophilic meningitis is a reminder for all of us to wash our fresh produce thoroughly. I have included a picture of the the larva we found.

My regards,

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